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SUBJECT: FOREIGN MINISTER'S VIEWS ON REFORM OF OAS

1. DURING CALL ON FONMIN CALVANI THIS EVENING (JUNE 28)
AT HIS INVITATION TO RECEIVE VENEZUELAN DESK OFFICER FORRESTER,
I REMARKED THAT FOR THE FIRST TIME IN MY THREE YEARS IN CARACAS
THERE WERE, SO FAR AS I COULD DISCERN, NO BILATERAL PROBLEMS
OF ANY MAGNITUDE BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES AND VENEZUELA.
CALVANI LAUGHED AND SAID HE AGREED. HE GRACIOUSLY ADDED
THAT DESPITE THE FACT THAT AT TIMES WE HAD HAD SOME VIGOROUS
DEBATES TOGETHER, OUR RELATIONS HAD ALWAYS BEEN MOST CORDIAL
AND WE HAD MANAGED TO FIND JOINT SOLUTIONS TO OUR
PROBLEMS.

2. MOST OF CONVERSATION WAS TAKEN UP IN A LENGTHY EXPOSITION
BY THE FONMIN OF HIS VIEWS ON REFORM OF THE OAS AND THE
CURRENT DELIBERATIONS IN LIMA. HERE HE VERY MUCH
DEPLORED DECISION TO HOLD PLENARY SESSION, WHICH HE SAID
MERELY CONGEALED POSITIONS IN PUBLIC AND REGRETTABLY
PLACED CERTAIN DELEGATIONS IN ADVERSARY POSITIONS. HE
NOTED IN PASSING CHANGE IN OFFICIAL STANCE OF ARGENTINE
PERMREP TO OAS, AMBASSADOR QUINTANA, WHO LAST APRIL WAS
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SAYING ONE THING IN A QUITE SENSIBLE WAY AND NOW AT LIMA UNDER INSTRUCTIONS WAS SAYING ANOTHER THING IN A LESS SENSIBLE FASHION.

3. CALVANI HANDED US A COPY OF A LENGTHY PAPER PRINTED UNDER THE RUBRIC OF THE VENEZUELAN PERMANENT MISSION TO THE OAS IN WASHINGTON ENTITLED " REFLECTIONS ON THE DESTINY AND MISSION OF THE OAS AND THE FORM TO REALIZE (THESE OBJECTIVES) IN THE INTERNATIONAL CONTEXT OF TODAY' S WORLD." WE PRESUME DEPARTMENT HAS A COPY OF THIS PAPER, BUT IF NOT WILL FORWARD IT BY POUCH.

4. CALVANI MADE A DETAILED ANALYSIS OF WHAT HE REGARDED AS THE PRESENT DRAWBACKS OF THE OAS, INCLUDING THE GALAXY OF EQUAL ORGANS IN THE POLITICAL FIELD AND THAT OF EDUCATION, SCIENCE, LAW, AND ECONOMIC AFFAIRS. HE SAID THAT OF REAL WORKING REPRESENTATIVES ON THE OAS, HE COULD NUMBER THE IMPORTANT AMBASSADORS ON LESS THAN THE FINGERS OF ONE HAND. THERE WAS A PLETHORA OF OTHER REPRESENTATIVES, MANY OF WHOM WERE EX- PRESIDENTS WHO WERE EMBUED WITH THEIR OWN IMPORTANCE BUT IN ACTUALITY HAD LITTLE TO SAY IN THE ORGANIZATION. MOST VEXATIOUS OF ALL FROM CALVANI' S POINT OF VIEW WAS THE UBIQUITOUS SECRETARIAT WHICH TOOK ADVANTAGE OF THE CROSS PURPOSES OF THE MEMBERS AND HAD EFFECTIVELY PREEMPTED MUCH OF THE SUBSTANTIVE WORK OF THE ORGANIZATION WITHOUT CONTROL OF THE GOVERNMENTS REPRESENTED. AS FOR FUTURE REFORM (AND HERE WE DID NOT READ HIS EXTENSIVE PAPER), CALVANI APPARENTLY ENVISAGES A FRAMEWORK OF THE OAS IN WHICH THE PERMANENT COUNCIL WOULD HAVE A PRIMARY ROLE TO PLAY AND THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY WOULD MEET NOT MORE FREQUENTLY THAN EVERY TWO YEARS AND ONLY THEN IF THERE WERE REAL BUSINESS TO TRANSACT. HE THOUGHT THE NEW OAS SHOULD BE RESTRUCTURED ALONG DEVELOPMENTAL LINES, AND HERE HE MADE THREE IMPORTANT CATEGORIS OF DEVELOPMENT. HERE SHOULD BE ONE COMMITTEE OR ORGANIZATION FOR SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT, ONE FOR SCIENCE AND EDUCATION, AND A THIRD-- MOST IMPORTANT OF ALL-- FOR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT. HE THOUGHT IN THIS LATTER ORGANIZATION WOULD BE INCLUDED THE INTER- AMERICAN DEVELOPMENT BANK; BUT WHEN HE SAID HE THOUGHT THAT SUCH A SUGGESTED NEW FRAMEWORK WOULD BE SPONSORED BY BRAZIL, MEXICO, ARGENTINA, CONFIDENTIAL

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AND PERHAPS THE UNITED STATES, HE INDICATED CLEARLY THAT U. S. MUST UNDOUBTEDLY HAVE RESERVATIONS ABOUT SUCH A STRUCTURE IF THE CONGRESS- FINANCED IDB IS TO BE THE MAIN BULWARK OF A COMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT.

5. WE ASKED IF GARCIA BUSTILLOS HAD TABLED ANY CONCRETE PROPOSALS, AND HE SAID HE EITHER HAD OR PROBABLY WOULD,

PRESUMABLY A REFERENCE TO THE BASIC PAPER WHOSE TEXT
HE HAD GIVEN US. AS OF THIS EVENING, CALVANI HAD RECEIVED
NO REPORT FROM GARCIA BUSTILLOS IN LIMA AS TO WHAT HE
ACTUALLY SAID YESTERDAY, ALTHOUGH PRESS ACCOUNTS INDICATE
HIS SPEECH WAS PUNGENT AND WELL-APPLAUDED.
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